

Tennessee Events

(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site www.tnstateparks.com/events.)

November

- 8 Natchez Trace State Park.** Backpacking Red Leaves Trail. An overnight trip on the newly renovated Red Leaves Hiking Trail for both beginners and experienced backpackers. You must be over the age of 18. Info: 731-968-3742.
- 8-9 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Backpacking Trip. A 13-mile trek through remote portions of the park. Includes a two-day guided hike with an overnight camp for experienced and novice backpackers. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$10 fee. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 8, 22 Tims Ford State Park.** Saturday Night Pickins. Music nights are held at the Recreation Building for all that enjoy playing an instrument or just listening to great music. Event hours are 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Info: 931-962-1183.
- 10 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Workshop. All public and private school teachers, park rangers, nature center and museum staff, and teachers-in-training are invited to participate in fun, hands-on activities to learn about Tennessee's water resources. Dress casual with shoes for hiking. Workshop hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and sessions are slated for the Cascade Room. Pre-registration required and there is a \$15 fee. Info: 931-221-6480.
- 14-16 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Christmas Craft Show. Forty-eight local crafts persons exhibit and demonstrate their talents with a holiday twist. The craft show is set for Friday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 22-23 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Thanksgiving Garrison at Fort Watauga. Hardin's Rangers will provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving. Lots of food and demonstrations. Info: 423-543-5808.

December

- 5-6 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Christmas at the Carter Mansion. This 18th century home built on the frontier around 1775 will feature the beautiful interior decorated the holidays in the style of 1780. Highlights of the evening will be costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments, and music. Hours are 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 5-7 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Christmas on the Mountain. A weekend of Yuletide fun, Christmas carols, and gifts for the little ones. Activities will include traditional Christmas decorating, tea parties, and a three-day mountain craft show. Info: 423-881-5708.
- 6 Fort Loudoun State Park.** Living History Weekend. This annual event provides visitors the chance to experience the atmosphere of an 18th century Christmas in a British fortification in the Cherokee territory. The fort building will be decorated with traditional greens and re-enactors will demonstrate daily activities. Candlelight tours begin at 6 p.m. and will conclude with a rare nighttime firing of the fort's largest cannon. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 6 Goodlettsville.** Historic Mansker's Station Frontier Life Center's Yulefest. Info: 615-859-3678.
- 6, 20 Tims Ford State Park.** Saturday Night Pickins. Music nights are held at the Recreation Building for all that enjoy playing an instrument or just listening to great music. Event hours are 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Info: 931-962-1183.
- 6-7 Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Crockett Christmas. This living history event will provide visitors a glimpse into Christmas on the frontier. The birthplace cabin will be decorated in pioneer Christmas spirit. Traditional music, hot cider, and edibles will be provided. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 6-7 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Christmas Garrison at Fort Watauga. Join the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America. Event hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 6, 13 Rugby.** Christmas at Historic Rugby. Bring an old fashioned Christmas alive with decorated historic buildings, music, carol singing, and Christmas treasure shopping. Admission is charged. The four-course Victorian dinner at Harrow Road Café requires a reservation and fee. Info: 423-628-2441.
- 11 Cordell Hull Birthplace State Park.** Old Fashioned Christmas at the Birthplace. Celebrate the holidays as they were in the late 19th century on the edge of the Cumberland Plateau. Activities will include holiday music by Ross Moore, lantern-lit trail hikes, refreshments, and seasonal decorations. Event hours are 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Info: 931-864-3247.
- 13 Norris Dam State Park.** Holiday Homecoming. This annual event will provide visitors the chance to experience early life in the Appalachian region. Free admission, but donations of non-perishable foods for the local mission will be appreciated. Info: 865-426-7461.